

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
3 SECOND SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 397

5 Introduced by Byars, 30

6 WHEREAS, John J. Trompen was born in Vrisland, Michigan,
7 on April 8, 1854. His parents immigrated from northern Holland to
8 start a new life in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1874, John Trompen moved to Nebraska and
10 married Jennie Huyser, lived in a sod house on a quarter section of
11 land, and began farming as well as raising hogs and cattle. He and
12 his wife raised eleven children, two of whom died during childhood;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in 1882, John Trompen started a business as a
15 dealer in farm machinery at Holland, Nebraska, and later moved to
16 Hickman, Nebraska, to run a grain and livestock business; and

17 WHEREAS, John Trompen was successful at farming,
18 business, and politics. He served as a Justice of the Peace and on
19 the local school board. For many years, he served as a delegate to
20 the Republican county conventions and attended state conventions as
21 a delegate a number of times; and

22 WHEREAS, John Trompen secured the nomination for sheriff
23 of Lancaster County and served as sheriff from 1897 to 1899. He
24 was considered by his deputies to be a conscientious, honest, and
25 straightforward man; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1900, Mr. Trompen was nominated by the county

1 convention to serve as a state senator. He served in the
2 Legislature from 1901 to 1903; and

3 WHEREAS, April 8, 2004, is the 150th anniversary of the
4 birth of John J. Trompen, a man who was an outstanding Nebraskan
5 and represented the best of the homesteader tradition.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

8 1. That the Legislature hereby commemorates the 150th
9 anniversary of the birth of John J. Trompen on April 8, 2004.

10 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
11 descendants of John J. Trompen.